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reports concerning the port of Tuapse

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| 1 | Port facilities. |
| 2 | Sketch of port: facilities, observation of two small unidentified naval vessels. |
| 3 | Port facilities, with annotated sketch, and controls; description of two large amphibious vehicles, each with a gun turret. |

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I- ORGANIZATION (See attached diagram.)

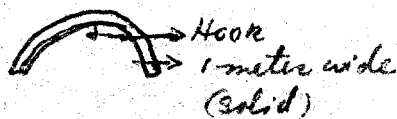
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1- General merchandise pier. Four cranes having a hoisting power of over 20 tons each was observed here.

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2- A device was observed
of the sketch below:

It had the shape



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3- Railroad tacks.

4- Asbestos burner (probably) .

5- Kind of a platform.

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6- Port guardhouse provided with a wireless.

7- Small port where a pier was being constructed.

8- Petroleum pier which has four locations on each side for docking. Each loading location provides six 8-10 inches approximately of pipes.

9- Pier where a one-story warehouse takes up almost the entire length of the pier. The pier had four cranes having a hoisting power of 3-5 tons.

10- Located approximately one kilometer from the port , four oil drills and oil pumps were observed.

11- 25 large fuel tanks were observed at a location near the shore of the river. They were painted an aluminum color.

II- PORT EQUIPMENT

12- A floating crane over 100 tons which can be used for deepening and for opening holes deep below for placing posts.

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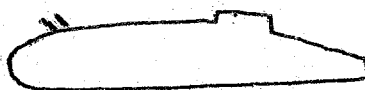
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III- SHIPYARDS

13- Shipyard location. A 12000 ton Soviet freighter was on the grid. It was being repaired. Various work and welding was being done on it.

IV- WARSHIPS OBSERVED

14- Two small war vessels were observed at the small port. (Probably torpedo boats.) They were painted black and they were approximately 20 meters long. They had the following shape:



The entire prow appeared covered. The mouths of the machine guns protruded about 30 centimeters. The bridge was low and it protruded approximately 60-70 centimeters from the prow's covering. The stern was low and wide. No numbers, torpedo launchers or other distinguishing markings were observed. The observation was made from a distance of approximately 500 meters.

V- MERCHANT SHIPS OBSERVED

15- Soviet freighter unloading unknown cargo.

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16-17-18-19- Locations where two Soviet and two [] oil tankers were observed. Each of them was about 15000 tons.

20- Two Soviet motorships having a G.R.T. of 1500-2000.

VI- MISCELLANEOUS

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21- Small elevation where two large amphibious trucks were observed. They had a turret and a gun in the middle. [] estimates their length to be approximately one-half that of the LCTs. They had four wheels and also two small propellers in the back. They were painted dark brown.

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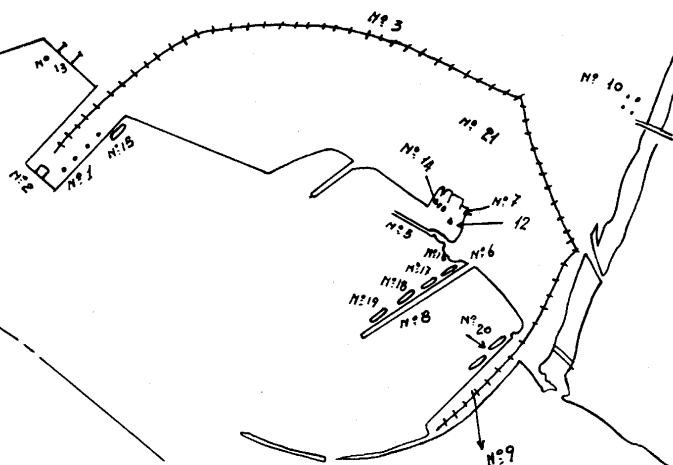
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1. Navy:

[redacted] a small naval vessel entered the port and stern moored on the east side of the pier between the government harbor [document uses the German term "Regierungshafen"] and the commercial harbor ("Handelshafen"). It was gone the next morning. It resembled a mine-sweeper, one funnel, no other details observed.

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2. Port Information (all references are to German city map):

The shipyard in the northeast portion of the commercial port has three or more slips (possibly building ways) extending in a northeast-southwest direction. There were three vessels on these slips (barge-like steel vessels) but it could not be seen whether they were under construction or being repaired.

At the shipyard west of the government harbor there were two identical tankers, estimated 15,000 tons, presumably undergoing repairs. On a new construction of 8,000 to 10,000 tons, three or four strakes of plating had been installed. There appeared to be a couple of small vessels under construction at this yard too. No floating docks were seen at this yard.

Four large cranes could be seen on the quay between the government harbor and the commercial harbor, where a [redacted] vessel was loading steel constructions [redacted]

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In addition to these four cranes, a large hammerhead crane could also be seen but it could not be determined whether it stood on the pier or at the west shipyard.

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The straight line in the commercial harbor [map?] east of the pier,
is a sloping stone surface and is not a quay.

It could not be determined what the little pier in the commercial harbor is used for [redacted] it belonged to the east shipyard. 25X1

The loading capacity at the oil pier east of the oil harbor (Oelhafen) is 600 tons per hour. The oil installation can reportedly only supply fuel and gas oil.

Tank trains come from the south at irregular intervals. The loading at the oil pier is halted for two or three hours while these trains are emptied. [redacted] 25X1

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I- ORGANIZATION: (See attached diagram.)

Δ - A new platform based on concrete posts. The work was completed within 7 days. The floating crane was used to place the posts.

Eight metal fuel tanks having a capacity of 50000 tons were observed around hill "E". Down below the hill, there are two cellars. Their capacity is unknown.

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A new bridge was built above a ditch at point "Z". A railroad track has been placed on it. [redacted] a train going by composed of 68 railroad cars pulled by one engine which was going South.

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III- SHIPYARDS

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There is a large shipyard at the ditch at point "N". Two warships were being built on the shipyard's grid. Their skeletons have already been completed and they are placing the outside covering from the prow to the stern. The length of the keel was estimated to be 150 meters and the width 25 meters.

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An old merchant ship has been placed in front of the shipyard and the shipyard can thusly only be seen from land. The old merchant ship is at point "G".

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The usual type of shipyard cranes were obsord on each side of the grids and the crane on iron whalls has been transferred there. Previously, it was at pier "A" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said crane has three shovels on top which are used for loading and unloading solid goods in bulk and they smallen during the loading and unloading of liquids.

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Work goes on at the shipyard 24 hours a day. Observation was made at a distance of 100 meters.

IV- MERCHANT SHIPS OBSERVED:

Two Soviet freighters of 5000-6000 tons were loading lumber by use of the land cranes at pier "A". This pier was loaded with lumber. Two Soviet freighters were loading general merchandise at pier "B". Two Soviet tankers were under repair at shipyard "F". They were 10000-15000 tons.

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V- MISCELLANEOUS

No warships were observed while the ship was sailing to and from TUAPSE [REDACTED]

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The small ships with their prows covered were at the little port at point "a" [REDACTED]

An amphibious truck was observed at the little hill at point "b".

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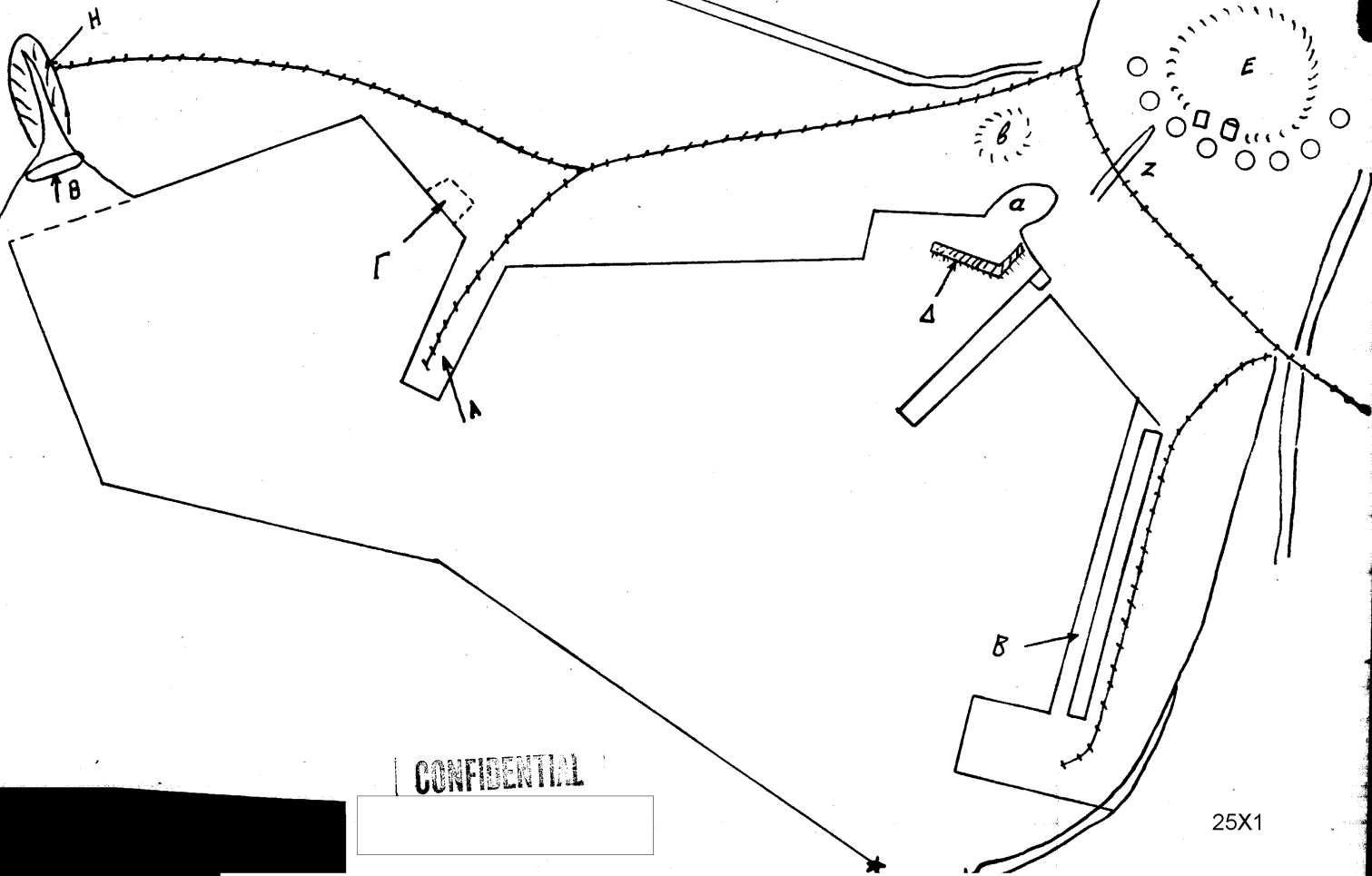
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